

REMARKS

A typographical error on page 14 of the application has been corrected by this amendment.

In view of the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections in paragraph 3). of the Office action, the words **lower** and **upper** have been eliminated from the present claims. Consequently, the present claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claims 8-9 and 11-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The subject matter of these claims 8-9 and 11-13 and the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is now present in the respective claims 14 , 15, 19, 20 and 21. Of course, as indicated above, the words **lower** and **upper** have been removed. Consequently, these claims 14 , 15, 19, 20 and 21 are allowable.

Claim 16 depends from allowable claim 14 and merely adds the

limitation " the front sight mounting member is rotatable independently of the rotatable front sight base" that is also present in new claim 19 that contains the subject matter of canceled allowable claim 11 without the words **lower** and **upper**. Consequently, this claim is also allowable.

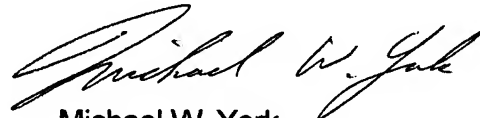
New claims 17 and 18 depend directly or indirectly from the allowable new claim 14 and include the additional respective limitations that the elevation adjustable firearm front sight is adapted to replace the M-16 type firearm front sight and that the firearm front sight base is an M-16 type firearm front sight base with a threaded hole and the threaded portion of the rotatable front sight base is sized and shaped to be to be rotatably secured to the M-16 type firearm front sight base by being threaded into the threaded hole in the M-16 type firearm front sight base M-16. None of the cited patents disclose or suggest the combination set forth in new claims 17 and 18 and hence these claims are also allowable. New claims 22 and 23 depend directly or indirectly from allowable new claim 19 and include the previously discussed respective limitations of the allowable new claims 17 and 18 and hence claims 22 and 23 are also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, all of the new claims are allowable and early allowance is requested.

Support in the application for the subject matter of the new claims 17 and 18 and 22 and 23 added by this amendment can be found in Figs. 1, 2 and 7 and in the specification on page 1, lines 13 through 16, page 2, last three lines, page 3, last two lines, page 4, lines 3 and 4, and in the sentence bridging pages 8 and 9. Of course, there may be other support in the application for these claims.

Four (4) sheets of replacement formal drawings with correct line quality to replace the original poor line quality drawings are attached hereto as Attachment A. To avoid crowding, for proper margins, and for clarity the eleven (11) figures have been located on four (4) sheets rather than the original two (2) sheets. The four (4) sheets of formal replacement drawings substantially duplicate the subject matter that is present in the originally filed drawings and no new matter is present in the formal replacement drawings.

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Attachment

Version with markings to show changes made

The elevation adjustable firearm front sight with a user changeable sighting element invention 48 illustrated in FIGS. 2 through 6 is made in a conventional manner using conventional machining techniques and conventional materials and finishes known in the art. The same is true for the alternative embodiment for the upper front sight insert member 54 that is designated generally by the number 112 and is illustrated in FIGS. 7 through 10. ~~HERE~~